Holidays in the Education Department.

177. *Mr. J. John Kattakayam: Will the Government be pleased to state ;

(*a*) whether they have accepted the scheme submitted on 21st January 1934 by Mr. Statham, Director of Public Instruction, regarding school holidays ;

(*b*) whether the schedule of holidays is correct ;

(*c*) whether they have not at first calculated a total of 52 days each for Saturdays and Sundays in a year ;

(*d*) whether they have not then calculated the long and continuous holidays such as midsummer, Christmas, and Onam vacations ;

(*e*) whether there will not be Saturdays and Sundays among continuous holidays ;

(*f*) whether New moon holidays are likely to come only on school days ;

(*g*) the number of years in which there were more than seven New-moon holidays in a year, considering the past experiences ;

(*h*) whether Poojavaippu, His Highness's Birthday and several other holidays of the current year were not on Saturdays and Sundays ; and

(*i*) whether they have not issued orders limiting the number of school days to 153 in the year in which census was taken ?

Mr. C. V. Chandrasekharan : (*a*) Yes.

(*b*) Yes, so far as English Schools are concerned. There was a small difference in the case of Vernacular Schools.

(*c*) Yes.

(*d*) Yes, but allowing a certain number of days for Saturdays and Sundays and New-moon days falling during vacations.

(*e*) Yes.

(*f*) No.

(*g*) 7 New-moon days during 1934–35 and 6 New-moon days during 1935–36 fell on week days.

(*h*) Yes.

(*i*) No.

Sale of flags in connection with His Highness's birthday.

178. *Mr. J. John Kattakayam: Will the Government be pleased to state;

(*a*) whether in connection with His Highness's birthday, sale of flags has been conducted this year also ; and

(*b*) the departments through which sales were conducted and the amounts realised through each of those departments ?

Rao Sahib Dr. N. Kunjan Pillai: (*a*) and (*b*) Government have no information.

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Mr. J. John Kattakayam: ഇങ്ങിനെയുള്ള പിരിവു നടത്തുന്നതിനു അവരെ പ്രേരിപ്പിച്ച സംഗതി എന്താണെന്നു മെമ്പർക്കറിയാമോ?

Rao Sahib Dr. N. Kunjan Pillai : ഗവണ്മെണ്ടിന് അതിനെപ്പറ്റി യാതൊന്നും അറിഞ്ഞുകൂടാ.

Mr. J. John Kattakayam : അതിനെപ്പറ്റി വല്ല പരാതിയും വല്ല സ്ഥലത്തുനിന്നും കിട്ടിയിട്ടുണ്ടോ?

Rao Sahib Dr. N. Kunjan Pillai : ഈ ആണ്ടിൽ കിട്ടിയിട്ടില്ലാ.

Mr. J. John Kattakayam : മുമ്പു കിട്ടിയിട്ടുണ്ടോ?

Rao Sahib Dr. N. Kunjan Pillai: ഇപ്പോൾ പറയുവാൻ നിവൃത്തിയില്ല, റിക്കാർഡുനോക്കിവേണം പറയുവാൻ.

Manufacture of bombs by people in mountainous parts.

179. ***Mr. J. John Kattakayam :** Will the Government be pleased to state :

(*a*) whether it is a practice among people dwelling in mountainous tracts, though rare, to make bombs to catch wild pigs and other wild animals ; and

(*b*) whether they will lay on the table a statement showing the number of persons injured and the number who died by accidents on account of this during the last six years ?

Rao Sahib Dr. N. Kunjan Pillai : (*a*) Yes, though very rarely.

(*b*) There were one case of death and two of injury in 1110.

Mr. M. N. Paramesvaran Pillai : May I know whether those bombs were similar to those used in warfare ?

President : Nobody has made a comparison of that.

Mr. M. N. Paramesvaran Pillai : It is stated in the answer that the number of persons injured and the number who died by accidents on account of bombs is one and two respectively. Therefore may I know whether those bombs were similar to those used in warfare ?

Rao Sahib Dr. N. Kunjan Pillai : Government have enquired into the matter and it is seen from the report that—

Mr. M. N. Paramesvaran Pillai : Was it from the report of the District Magistrate ?

Rao Sahib Dr. N. Kunjan Pillai : Yes. The cases of death and injuries reported were at Peermade where one Kankani Raman of Manchumala Estate on 21-11-1110 heated some potash

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